

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 remain in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-18 have been amended to clarify terms and to overcome rejections based on antecedent basis. Claims 19-24 have been canceled, without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced as a result of this amendment. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Applicants are enclosing copies of the references requested by the Examiner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.105. Any documents requiring translation will be provided in due course. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the assistance in this matter.

The disclosure was also objected to for informalities. The Applicants have amended the specification to correct the informalities, and to also point out that the language used on page 43, line 12-page 44, line 3 ("severed") is correct, and that no amending was required.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(2), for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The Applicants have amended the claims to overcome these rejections and it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17 and 19-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bahlmann* (US 6,578,074) in view of "Official Notice". The Applicants respectfully traverse.

Specifically, *Bahlmann* does not deal with the allocation and distribution of "an address block" as claimed in the present invention. The disclosure in *Bahlmann*, specifically teaches the use of a single address (see, e.g. col. 6, lines 5-8, 55-59). Since the present invention deals with terminal and core network portions, the configuration allows for the distributions of address blocks as opposed to a single address.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 7 and 13, as well as all claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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